

CROMER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1942.Cromer.
5th July, 1943.

Gentlemen,

The Annual Report for 1942 is on the lines indicated in Circular 2604, dated 24th March, 1942, and is an interim Report only.

The Sunshine for the year was 1461.7 hours as compared with 1422 hours in 1941; the rainfall was 23.40 inches as compared with 22.71 inches in 1941.

SECTION A. -- STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

(In accordance with Circular 2604 on grounds of national security, no statistics as to population are given).

Area (in acres)	...	1148
Rateable Value	...	£31,762
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	£114

There was practically no season as visitors were prohibited coming to Cromer as it was a Defence Area.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	M.	F.
Live Births (Legitimate)	57	31	26
(Illegitimate)	4	1	3
Still Births (Legitimate)	2	1	1
			Rate per 1000 total (Live & Still) births 31.74.

Deaths.	62	36	26
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Deaths from puerperal causes - 0.

Deaths of infants under one year of age - 6.

Death Rate all infants per 1000 live births 98.36

" " Legitimate " " " " 32.78

" " Illegitimate " " " " 65.57

Deaths from Cancer (all ages). 11

" " Measles. 0

" " Whooping-cough. 0

" " Diarrhoea (under two years of age). 0

The Still Birth Rate is 31.74 as compared with 47.61 in 1941, per 1000 total Births, the Still Birth Rate for England & Wales being 0.54.

The Infantile Mortality is 98.36 as compared with 25.00 in 1941, the Infantile Mortality of England & Wales being 49.

CAUSES OF DEATH in 1942.

	M.	F.
2. Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1
3. Diphtheria	1	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-
9. Influenza	1	-
13. Cancer of buccal cavity & oesophagus	1	-
15. Cancer of breast	-	2
16. Cancer of other sites.	7	1
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	-	1
19. Heart Disease	10	5
21. Bronchitis	-	1
	21	11

	M.	F.
Brought Forward	21	11
22. Pneumonia	-	4
27. Other digestive diseases	1	1
32. Congenital Malnutrition, birth injury, infant diseases.	1	-
34. Road traffic accident	1	-
35. Other violent causes	6	8
36. All other causes	6	2
	<u>36</u>	<u>26</u>

SECTION B - GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) Medical Officer of Health (Part-time).
R. C. M. Colvin-Smith, M.B., B.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Sanitary Inspector (who is also Surveyor & Waterworks Manager).
G. L. Robinson, M.I.M. & Cy.E., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Certificated Inspector of Meat & Other Foods.
- (ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities - No change.
(b) Ambulance facilities - Adequate.
(c) Nursing in the Home - No change.
(d) Treatment Centres & Clinic - No change.
(e) Hospitals - Public: Isolation Hospital, Joint Erpingham, North Walsham, Sheringham & Cromer at Roughton to which cases are sent. Voluntary: Cromer & District Hospital. Increased to 41 beds by recent addition of a Maternity Ward.

SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. (i) Water. - The water from Metton is controlled by a chemical and bacteriological examination once yearly. The results indicate an efficiently treated water, pure and wholesome in character, and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.
3. (iii) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Tabular Statement furnished by the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935.

House to house inspections	...	...	172
Inspections under the Housing Acts.	...	...	10
Inspections of Nuisances discovered	...	...	13
Re-inspections to ascertain progress of Sanitary and formal orders.	...	...	24
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases	...	...	13
Inspections under Workshop & Factory Act..	...	...	14
Re-inspections.	...	...	5
Inspections of Dairies, Milkshops & Cowsheds	...	...	9
Inspections of Tenements	...	...	5
Inspections of Foodshops (other than Dairies & Bakohouses)...	...	...	34
Inspections in connection with the repair of War Damaged houses.	...	...	318
			<u>617</u>
Premises Disinfected	...	...	13
Rooms disinfected	...	...	21
Drainage systems to which smoke test applied	...	...	1
Committee Meetings attended	...	...	12
Preliminary Notices served.	...	...	8
Legal Proceedings taken.	...	...	0
Defects found by house to house Inspection	...	...	30
" " " Workshop Inspections	...	...	2
" " " Tenement "	...	...	1
Statutory Notices served.	...	...	0

SECTION D. - HOUSING.

Two houses were considered for the making of demolition orders but following an undertaking from the owner not to re-let them the matter was deferred until after the War.

SECTION F. - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

General. Diseases notified amongst civilian population:-

Scarlet Fever	19
Whooping-Cough	18
Measles	4
Pneumonia	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	4

During the year I have received two reports on sputum, and one on swabbing for Diphtheria from the Norfolk County Laboratory.

NOTIFIED DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	19	14	0
Pneumonia	3	0	4

Age Groups. - Scarlet Fever: 3-4 one, 5-10 ten, 10-15 two, 20-35 five, 35-45 one.

Measles: 1-2 two, 4-5 one, 5-10 one.

Whooping-cough: 5-10 eighteen.

Pneumonia: 20-35 one, 45-65 one, 65 and over one.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis. 480 children were inoculated with A.P.T. being the grand total up to end of 1942, 211 being inoculated in 1942.

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1942.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1-5	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5-10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-35	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1	-	1	3	1	-	-	-

Fatal case notified.

ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORY ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to Health, including Inspections by Sanitary Inspector.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspections (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (4)
Factories (with mechanical power)	3	1	0
Factories (without mechanical power)	11	0	0
Other premises.	0	0	0
	14	1	0

2. DEFECTS.

Particulars.	Number of defects			Number of Offences in respect of which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Want of Cleanliness (S.I.)	1	1	0	0
Ineffective drainage of Floors.	0	0	0	0
Other Offences	1	1	0	0
	2	2	0	0

There have been no instances of outwork in unwholesome premises.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. G. L. Robinson for his valuable help in compiling this Report.

I am, Sirs,
Your obedient Servant,

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